

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2004, and the references cited therewith. Claims 50-54 are cancelled,. Claims 10, and 12-23 are now pending in this application. No new subject matter is added.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants attorney listed below to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6968 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted,

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